

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

By this amendment, applicants have amended the specification to reference the priority applications for the subject application. By the present amendment to the specification, no new matter has been added to the application. Applicants respectively request that this amendment to the specification be entered.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-120 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended claims 1-103, cancelled claims 103a-120 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application, and added new claims 121-135. The amendments to claims 1-103 were made in order to reduce multiple dependencies in the claims and to conform the claims to US procedure. Support for the amendment to claim 1 to add a substituent may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 18, lines 19-25.

Claim 103a was canceled and rewritten as new claim 121. Claims 104-111 were canceled and rewritten as new claims 122-130. Support for new claim 131 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 43, lines 7-9. Support for new claims 132-135 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 42, lines 17-29; page 43, line 20 through page 44, line 4; and original claims 114 and 118.

Applicants maintain that the amendments to the claims raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that the amendment be entered. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-103, as amended, and new claims 121-135 will be pending and under examination.